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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

**SUBJECT: Suggested Item for Use in the Illustration
of Professionalism in the Agency**

1. The attached note by Mr. McCone growing out of a meeting in the Cabinet Room on 21 January 1963 suggests that an item along the lines of the following might be included in his proposed presentation on professionalism in the Agency.

2. In the Office of Special Activities under the Deputy Director (Research) there has been brought together an unusual aggregation of outstanding specialists for the purpose of conceiving, developing, producing and operating an integrated intelligence collection system utilizing scientific and technological achievements of the most sophisticated and advanced nature. This unusual grouping of people contains a small cadre of scientists and engineers, skilled communicators, security officers, materiel and other logistical experts, financial specialists, accomplished operations officers, dedicated and resourceful administrators all integrated into a single organization for the purpose of achieving the maximum speed, efficiency and security in translating the concepts into successful collection operations.

3. In a recent review of a new collection system, soon to be operational, by some of the senior officials of the Government, including the President and the Secretary of Defense, the outstanding qualities of this organization were recognized. Dr. Edwin Land and Dr. James Killian, two of the nation's most respected scientists, pointed out in reference to OSA/DD/R that there has been assembled an organization for the design and production of a very advanced vehicle, the development of all special features, the

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development of highly sophisticated sensing and recording devices and for other things, and that in the opinion of these men this type of an organization was non-existent anywhere in the world and furthermore was so unique and valuable that it must be preserved. They stated that it was beyond their imagination, that Khrushchev or any foreign country could believe we had assembled under one management the type of competence that has resulted in the production of this new system.


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